

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A drying system comprising:  
a media support having a first surface and a second surface, the first surface defining a media travel path; and  
a heater positioned spaced apart from the second surface of the media support, the heater being operatively associated with the media support through a conductive path operable to conduct heat from the heater to the media support, the second surface of the media support being located between the heater and the first surface of the media support.
2. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein a portion of the media support is curved.
3. (Original) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the curved portion of the media support includes the first surface.
4. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim 2, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the conductive path comprises a heat conductive an extension connected at one end to the second surface of the media support, ~~wherein~~ the heater is being connected to another location of the extension.
5. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim ~~2~~ 4, wherein the extension is connected to the curved portion of the media support is ~~heat conductive~~.
6. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim ~~5~~ 1, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the conductive path comprises a heat conductive an

extension connected ~~at one end~~ to the second surface of the media support,  
~~wherein support and the heater is connected to another location of the extension.~~

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim 1,  
~~further comprising: wherein the conductive path comprises a heat conductive an~~  
extension connected at one end to the second surface of the media support,  
wherein a portion of the extension is positioned ~~below~~ relative to the heater such  
that the heater is supported by the extension.

9. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim 1,  
~~further comprising: wherein the conductive path comprises a heat conductive an~~  
extension connected at one end to the second surface of the media support,  
~~wherein the heater is~~ being connected to another location of the extension.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim ~~10~~ 1,  
wherein the first and second surfaces of the media support are heat conductive.

12. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim 1,  
~~further comprising: wherein the heat conductive path comprises a heat conductive~~  
~~a heater~~ extension connected at one end to another portion of the media support  
and connected at another end to the second surface of the media support, ~~wherein~~  
the heater is being connected to another location of the extension.

13. (Original) The system according to Claim 12, wherein the  
other portion of the media support is a spacer.

14. (Original) The system according to Claim 13, wherein the  
spacer comprises a heat insulating component.

15. (Original) The system according to Claim 12, wherein the other portion of the media support is a platen.

16. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the heat conductive path comprises a heat conductive a ~~heater~~ extension integrally formed at one end to the second surface of the media support, ~~wherein the heater is~~ being connected to another location of the extension.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim ~~47~~ 1, wherein the first ~~and second surfaces~~ surface of the media support ~~are~~ is heat conductive.

19. (Currently amended) A drying system comprising:  
a media support having a curved surface;  
a plurality of heaters; and  
a plurality of heater extensions, each of the plurality of heater extensions being in contact with ~~having one end that contacts~~ the media support, each of the plurality of heater extensions ~~and each heater extension~~ being operatively associated with one of the plurality of heaters, wherein heat generated by ~~each of~~ the plurality of heaters is conducted to the curved surface of the media support through ~~each of~~ the plurality of heater extensions.

20. (Original) A method of drying an article comprising:  
conducting heat from a source of heat through an extension to a surface of a support, the surface of the support being contactable with the article.

21. (New) The system according to Claim 6, the media support having a thickness, the extension having a length, wherein a ratio of the length of the extension to the thickness of the media support is greater than 1.